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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GSA TIN STOCKPILE LEGISLATION

REFS: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 1557 NOTAL); (B) STATE 72747
(C) JAKARTA 3590; (D) STATE 68766

1. REFS B AND D PROVIDES GENERAL BACKGROUND TO TIN DISPOSAL LEGISLATION. THE ONLY TIN DISPOSAL BILL CURRENTLY PENDING IN CONGRESS IS HR 4535, INTRODUCED MARCH 10, 1975 BY CONGRESSMAN MOLLOHAN OF WEST VIRGINIA. THIS BILL WOULD PROVIDE GSA WITH AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF 100,000 LT TIN FROM GSA STOCKPILE. HEARINGS ON THIS AND TWO OTHER DISPOSAL AUTHORITY BILLS WERE HELD MARCH 25
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2. RE MALAYSIAN CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE MARKET DISRUPTION, TIN BILL CONTAINS STANDARD MARKET RELATED CLAUSE, WHICH READS-

"PROVIDED,THAT THE TIME AND METHOD OF DISPOSITION SHALL BE FIXED WITH DUE REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST AVOIDABLE LOSS AND THE PROTECTION OF PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS AND CONSUMERS AGAINST AVOIDABLE DISRUPTION OF THEIR USUAL MARKETS."

3. GENERAL DEPARTMENT POLICY REGARDING DISPOSAL CONSULTATIONS WITH PRODUCERS OUTLINED PARA 5 REF B.

4. AS NOTED REF D, DISPOSAL AUTHORITY HEARINGS NOW POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. DEPARTMENT UNABLE SPECULATE AS TO WHENHEARINGS MIGHT BE RESUMED OR LEGISLATION PASSED.

5. IN YOUR INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUGGEST (A) YOU EMPHASIZE RESPONSIBLE MANNER IN WHICH GSA TIN DISPOSALS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE THEIR RESUMPTION IN MID-1973; (B) IF NOT ALREADY DONE SO, DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS STOCKPILES AND ACTUAL DISPOSAL PROGRAMS (PARA 5 REF B); (C) EMPHASIZE THAT DISPOSAL AUTHORITY BILL CONTAINS PROVISION AGAINST AVOIDABLE MARKET DISRUPTION AND THAT AS IN PAST WE WILL CONSULT WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES BEFORE MODIFYING EXISTING LONG-TERM TIN DISPOSAL PROGRAM.
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